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**From:** dombek4@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 16, 2018 10:04 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB40-2018; Patuxent Branch Trail

Dear Honorable Council Members and Executive Kittleman,

On June 11th, 2018 Council Member Terrasa wrote an email/letter to County Executive Kittleman regarding the storage facility at 9201 Guilford Rd. Like Ms. Terrasa, I was alarmed to hear of the site violations identified by MDE. These were not minor infractions; all were a threat to the immediate habitat of the LPR watershed, and therefore the water quality of the Chesapeake.

It remains staggering to me that the use of 100 yards or so of asphalt, a crucial stretch linking Savage Park with Lake Elkhorn, Owen Brown, Stevens Forest and beyond, cannot be resolved in a manner which enables it to remain the de-facto trail it has become over many years now. I am shocked that no one involved in this whole process (especially CA, County DPZ, and even myself as I jogged and biked past this property thousands of times over many years) apparently ever took a step back to consider the broader picture of what the trail could *permanently* become, namely an exceptional vehicle-free outdoor recreational trail/park.

Earlier this winter when I first learned of the development, I wrote a letter to Mr. Kittleman myself, urging him to "...bring these (above) parties together for a safer solution than what is presently on the table...". Ms. Terrasa has outlined a practical blueprint for proceeding with the developer once the property is in compliance. In her letter she writes, *"Going forward, I believe that the only way to address the myriad of concerns raised here is for the County to work proactively with the developer to find an acceptable entrance away from the trail and offer assurances to the developer that the process will be expedited as much as possible. The County should also consider waiving all fees."*

I concur with Councilwoman Terrasa, and I expect that this valuable recreational resource would be given back to the community unharmed by development interests. Furthermore, I support the bill (CB40-2018) she authored to prevent this kind of foolish result in the future.

Thank you,

Jeff Dombek  
Huntington

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**From:** Stephanie Blades <stephanie.blades@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Terrasa, Jen  
**Subject:** Testimony in FAVOR of Bill 40

Hello Howard County Council,

I am writing in support of the proposed Bill 40, by Councilperson Terrasa. This act would amend the Howard County Code to require pre-submission community meetings for projects on publicly owned land and for projects that abut open space; and generally relating to pre-submission community meetings.

We just experienced a project on the Patuxent Branch Trail this past year that would have greatly benefited in my mind with this Bill. This project, a 4-story storage unit was designed and ground has broken on the project just adjacent to the Patuxent Branch Trail off of Guilford Road in Kings Contrivance. Since the property is not immediately adjacent to a residential property, the community was not solicited for feedback or made aware until the project was well underway. This trail is HEAVILY used during the warmer months as a running, biking, walking trail.

This is of great concern to me personally as during the warmer months I am on those trails several times a week-and not alone by any stretch. Not only do I run solo but I also run with an organization called, Athletes Serving Athletes that trains with people with disabilities in main stream running and multi-sport events. Many of our "Athletes" (those we push in joggers because they have limited to no mobility) go to the Humanim Center just up the road on Gerwig Lane. If the trail is disrupted as proposed and as we have already experienced during the initial construction phases, I will not safely be able to run with them. We can not traverse the trail over the bridge towards Vollmerhausen and Savage because it's too rocky and not paved AND running that stretch of Guilford Road in the road is not entirely safe either with people with disabilities so unfortunately we might find this not to be a viable option.

After we first learned of this project, a friend of mine created a [change.org petition](#) in the hopes that we could show support for discussions with the Columbia Association and the owner of the property to perhaps change the design of the entrance (that petition currently stands at 2,323 supporters). We have since learned that it's too late in the process and neither party is interested. Perhaps community input earlier in the project would have been more successful in a more agreeable outcome for those using the trail.

This is just one recent occurrence where this Bill could have changed the outcome and perhaps led to a more win-win for all sides.

I thank Ms. Terrasa for doing all she could in this particular situation, but for looking to future potential projects as well and introducing this Bill.

Thanks for your consideration in supporting this Bill.

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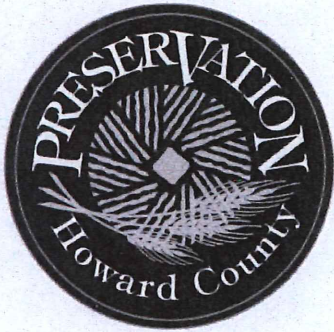
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**From:** Fred Dorsey <fdorsey1130@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2018 12:10 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB 40-2018  
**Attachments:** CB 40-2018 001.jpg

Attached is Preservation Howard County's testimony supporting CB 40-2018.

Fred Dorsey  
President, Preservation Howard County



June 14, 2018

My name is Fred Dorsey and I live at 10774 Judy Lane in Columbia, 20144. I am President of Preservation Howard County and on behalf of our Officers and Board of Directors support CB 40-2018 requiring presubmission community meetings for projects on publicly owned land and for projects that abut open space; and generally relating to presubmission meetings.

The passage of this bill will provide a much needed recognition for community notification and an opportunity to express their comments in such situations.

**Board**

*Martha Clark*

*Fred Dorsey*

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**From:** grace kubofcik <gracek8@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2018 11:35 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** james kubofcik  
**Subject:** CB40 Presubmission meeting for projects on publicly owned land etc

I will be out of town on June 18th.

I am in support of CB40-2018 introduced by Jennifer Terrasa.

Grace Kubofcik  
Ellicott City Md

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**From:** Susan Garber <buzysusan23@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 18, 2018 5:28 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB-40-2018

Re: CB 40-2018

Dear Council Chair Sigaty and County Council members,

I greatly appreciate Council Member Terrasa's continuing efforts to safeguard citizens by strengthening rules dealing with pre-submission meetings. There have clearly been recent incidents which warrant such improvements. I would like to suggest the following additions or changes to the bill.

1. I'm concerned that use of the term 'abut' excludes properties directly across the street from the subject property.
2. If part of a residential or commercial structure is to be placed on County property as part of a land swap, insist that the County hold its own pre-submission meeting to explain the conditions of that swap and how it relates to what will be developed there, as well as clearly describing and illustrating exactly which property the county is receiving in exchange.
3. Separate from the pre-submission meetings themselves, further improvements to the posting of all signage related to new construction is in order. In the event a property has more than one pre-submission meeting, then some additional way of distinguishing the new pre-submission sign from the previous one (which may have been left in place for an extended period of time) is warranted. This would assure citizens are not just acclimated to the presence of a sign and fail to appreciate that there is a new date.
4. While Ms. Terrasa implemented legislation previously to improve the location of pre-submission signs, I believe those same improvements should apply to all other signs provided by the Department of Planning and Zoning. This comment is prompted by having seen a sign requesting an Administrative Adjustment placed at the obscure future entry place for a development rather than at a major road entrance location being used during construction.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of these issues,

Susan Garber

*Address on file*

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**From:** Lisa Markovitz <lmarkovitz@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 18, 2018 9:24 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** People's Voice positions on Bills June 2018

The People's Voice

Positions on current legislation:

CB40 - Support - glad to see these additions to requirements of pre-submission meetings.

CB 44 - Support with amendment - We would like to see a longer term than one year for the prohibition of representing a party for compensation that was a subject of legislation. The "subject" of legislation should also be more strongly defined to include an entity that financially benefits from legislation.

CR 82 - Oppose - seek significant amendment - The allocation chart could be used to plan development by region. When things are crowded in a certain area, allocations could be lowered. When there is room to grow in another area they could be raised. Instead of leaving it to APFO which has limited wait times, to pace growth with infrastructure, allocation waits are unlimited, and therefore, this could be used as a real tool for planning and not just countywide but with regional oversight and analysis.

I also believe new regions should be created for watersheds, with small numbers of units allowed That way there is more time between developments to make sure adequate runoff planning is taking place between changes, without too many affects at once.

We do realize that changing the General Plan requires a ballot question, but even having this tool for bi-annual use could be helpful to analyze what DPZ says is being used, if there are any wait times for allocations, and if not, then if an area is crowded and there is no allocation wait, they should be lowered.